

SENATOR WHITNEY: Well, this is just simply a mechanical thing.

SENATOR CARPENTER: But that isn't the way you meant it in my judgment. We all know it takes 5 more votes to override him. You evaded the question.

SENATOR WHITNEY: No, I did not evade the question. The newspaper reporter just simply copied down what I said and I meant what I said. Now, with regard to Col. Krueger when he appeared before the Budget Committee, I asked him the question if he recommended additional criminal investigators and he said no. I said, what was the Governor's budget and he said that he didn't know but he didn't think the Governor recommended it either and I said, yes, I'm quite certain the Governor recommended an additional 6 criminal investigators. Oh yes, I guess he did. That was the statement of Col. Krueger's so he's not on this, on the beat and I take what Senator Mahoney said very seriously. He used to be in the field on law enforcement and if he says that we don't need all of these, I would accept it, but in the Budget Committee, I would feel that the Budget Committee would increase the number to a satisfactory amount after a complete study. We don't realize how much, right now, it's costing us for law enforcement for drugs, for example, and other things. We've increased our expenditures in this field in the last couple of years as I recall, over a million dollars, a tremendous increase and I think we're going to have to be careful how far we go in adding law enforcement officers and, incidentally, I was in a city of Nebraska here a summer or two ago. I said I had never seen marijuana growing and the man I was visiting said, well, we got marijuana on practically every vacant lot in this city and he showed it to me. You can't keep people from going out in the fields and on the vacant lots and cutting down marijuana, they're going to get it if they want it.

SPEAKER: Senator Kelly and then Senator Schmit is going to close.

SENATOR KELLY: Mr. President and Members of the Body. Question of Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: I yield.

SENATOR KELLY: Senator Schmit, when we passed 13A we had 30 drug investigators in the Patrol. When 77A is passed, how many drug investigators will there be actively working in the Patrol?

SENATOR SCHMIT: Well, Senator Kelly, there is a pair of bills-- one provides 10 additional drug investigators; one provides, I believe it is 77, provides 15 criminal investigators. Unfortunately, the two are related but, but they are two different areas. The one deals specifically with drugs. The other deals with any phase of criminal investigation.

SENATOR KELLY: O.K. Thank you Senator Schmit. Then 77 has to do with criminal investigation and does not have to do with drug investigation?

SENATOR SCHMIT: That is right.

SENATOR KELLY: I thank you very much.

SPEAKER: Senator Schmit, you may close.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Thank you Mr. President. Members of the Legislature, I would just like to set the record straight in several areas. First of all, Senator Whitney referred to the 6 investigators recommended by the Governor. Now, these 6